

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 15-27 and amend claims 1, 5, 10, and 12-14 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A hollow panel comprising:

first hollow portions arranged in a substantially same plane and having first sectional areas; and

second hollow portions arranged in the substantially same plane and having second sectional areas different from the first sectional areas, wherein partition walls of the first hollow portions and the second hollow portions are made of ~~the same material~~ like wood elements.
2. (Original) The hollow panel according to claim 1, wherein the first hollow portion and the second hollow portion are alternatively arranged in the substantially same plane.
3. (Previously Presented) The hollow panel according to claim 1, wherein a solid portion forming member is inserted into a part of the first and second hollow portions, the solid portion forming member having a section shape which substantially corresponds to a section shape of the part of the first and second hollow portions.
4. (Original) The hollow panel according to claim 1, wherein a sectional shape of the first and second hollow portions is a trapezoidal.
5. (Currently Amended) A hollow panel comprising:

first hollow portions arranged in a substantially same plane and having a first width; and

second hollow portions arranged in the substantially same plane and having a second width different from the first width, wherein partition walls of the first hollow portions and the second hollow portions are made of ~~the same material~~ like wood elements.
6. (Original) The hollow panel according to claim 5, wherein the first width is defined between a pair of partition walls defining the first hollow portion, and the second width is

defined between a pair of partition walls defining the second hollow portion.

7. (Original) The hollow panel according to claim 5, wherein the first and second hollow portions are alternatively arranged in the substantially same plane.

8. (Previously Presented) The hollow panel according to claim 5, wherein a solid portion forming member is inserted into a part of the first and second hollow portions, the solid portion forming member having a section shape which substantially corresponds to a section shape of the part of the first and second hollow portions.

9. (Original) The hollow panel according to claim 5, wherein a sectional shape of the first and second hollow portions is a trapezoidal.

10. (Currently Amended) A hollow panel comprising:
first and second partition walls defining a plurality of hollow portions arranged in a substantially same plane, wherein a thickness of the first partition walls is different from that of the second partition walls and each hollow portion of the plurality of hollow portions has the same sectional area.

11. (Original) The hollow panel according to claim 10, wherein the first and second partition walls are alternatively arranged.

12. (Currently Amended) The hollow panel according to claim 10, wherein a solid portion forming member is inserted into a part of the hollow portions, the solid portion forming member having a section shape which substantially corresponds to a section shape of the [[s]] part of the first and second hollow portions.

13. (Currently Amended) A hollow panel comprising:
first hollow portions arranged in a substantially same plane and having first sectional areas; and

second hollow portions arranged in the substantially same plane and having second sectional areas different from the first sectional areas, wherein a solid portion forming member is inserted into ~~a part~~ some, but less than all of the first and second hollow portions, the solid portion forming member having a section shape which substantially corresponds to a section shape of the part of the first and second hollow portions.

14. (Currently Amended) A hollow panel comprising:

first hollow portions arranged in a substantially same plane and having a first width; and second hollow portions arranged in the substantially same plane and having a second width different from the first width, wherein a solid portion forming member is inserted into a ~~part~~ some, but less than all of the first and second hollow portions, the solid portion forming member having a section shape which substantially corresponds to a section shape of the part of the first and second hollow portions.

15. (New) The hollow panel according to claim 1, wherein the wood elements include at least one of wood flakes, wood fibers, wood chips or wood particles.

16. (New) The hollow panel according to claim 1, wherein the wood elements are molded using a binder.

17. (New) The hollow panel according to claim 5, wherein the wood elements include at least one of wood flakes, wood fibers, wood chips or wood particles.

18. (New) The hollow panel according to claim 5, wherein the wood elements are molded using a binder.

19. (New) A hollow panel comprising:

first hollow portions arranged in a substantially same plane and having first sectional areas; and

second hollow portions arranged in the substantially same plane and having second sectional areas different from the first sectional areas, wherein partition walls of the first hollow portions are formed homogeneously with partition walls of the second hollow portions to provide a homogenous structure.

20. (New) The hollow panel according to claim 19, wherein the homogenous structure comprises wood elements.

21. (New) The hollow panel according to claim 20, wherein the wood elements include at least one of wood flakes, wood fibers, wood chips or wood particles.

22. (New) The hollow panel according to claim 20, wherein the wood elements are molded using a binder.

23. (New) A hollow panel comprising:

first hollow portions arranged in a substantially same plane and having a first width; and second hollow portions arranged in the substantially same plane and having a second width different from the first width, wherein partition walls of the first hollow portions are formed homogeneously with partition walls of the second hollow portions to provide a homogenous structure.

24. (New) The hollow panel according to claim 23, wherein the homogenous structure comprises wood elements.

25. (New) The hollow panel according to claim 24, wherein the wood elements include at least one of wood flakes, wood fibers, wood chips or wood particles.

26. (New) The hollow panel according to claim 24, wherein the wood elements are molded using a binder.

27. (New) A hollow panel comprising:

first hollow portions arranged in a substantially same plane and having first sectional areas;

second hollow portions arranged in substantially the same plane as the first hollow portions and having second sectional areas different from the first sectional areas of the first hollow portions; and

third hollow portions arranged in substantially the same plane as the first hollow portions and the second hollow portions and having third sectional areas different from the first sectional areas of the first hollow portions and the second sectional areas of the second hollow portions, wherein partition walls of the first hollow portions, the second hollow portions and the third hollow portions are made of the same material.

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